

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, In the global economy of the 21st century, the
2 establishment of business links to countries outside the United
3 States is of growing importance to the State of Texas, and areas
4 that figure prominently in this type of development contribute
5 greatly to the state's commercial progress; and

6 WHEREAS, One especially fertile location for the growth of
7 international business is the city of Richardson; long a center for
8 computer and communications technology and the site of many
9 divisional or regional corporate headquarters, Richardson has also
10 attracted more than 30 companies from foreign countries; the firms
11 hail from 15 nations around the globe, including Canada, China,
12 Finland, Germany, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, and the United
13 Kingdom; and

14 WHEREAS, These enterprises compete in a variety of
15 industries; while many specialize in technology-oriented fields
16 such as semiconductor manufacturing, telecommunications, and
17 software development, others focus on workforce management,
18 security, air transportation, and heating, ventilation, and air
19 conditioning, among numerous other endeavors; and

20 WHEREAS, The city has also been chosen as a base of operations
21 for domestic companies that maintain operations abroad; these firms
22 further Richardson's involvement in international business and
23 allow area residents to benefit from the opportunities available in
24 foreign markets; and

1 WHEREAS, To build on the city's connection to global
2 commerce, civic leaders are opening the Mayor's Office of
3 International Business, a partnership between the City of
4 Richardson and the Richardson Chamber of Commerce, and the chamber
5 is also establishing a new Richardson International Business
6 Advisory Committee; these initiatives are designed to attract
7 investment by companies from other countries, to support locally
8 based firms seeking to develop their business abroad, and to open
9 new international markets for the city's entrepreneurs; and

10 WHEREAS, The Richardson Economic Development Partnership
11 also plays a key role in nurturing global business alliances, and
12 its work includes hosting delegations from around the world who
13 visit North Texas to learn about the area and assess prospects for
14 commercial partnerships; and

15 WHEREAS, Another factor that makes the city so inviting to
16 international companies and business leaders is its thriving
17 multicultural character; Richardson is home to people from a broad
18 range of backgrounds, ethnicities, and religions and offers a
19 vibrant mix of restaurants, specialty stores, and places of worship
20 that reflects the diversity of the population; in addition,
21 cultural centers such as the Raindrop Turkish House and the Dallas
22 Chinese Community Center further the cosmopolitan environment; and

23 WHEREAS, With its emphasis on developing international
24 business as an important component of the local economy, Richardson
25 stands as an admirable model for the way that Texas communities can
26 compete and prosper in the decades ahead, and its achievements are
27 indeed deserving of special legislative recognition; now,

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1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
3 hereby designate Richardson as the official International Business
4 Capital of North Texas.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 130 was adopted by the House on May 13, 2011, by the following vote: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 130 was adopted by the Senate on May 24, 2011, by a viva-voce vote.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor